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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend coverage of home health services under the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOAGLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENDING COVERAGE OF HOME HEALTH**
4 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(m) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(m)) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new sentence: “For purposes of
8 paragraphs (1) and (4) and sections 1814(a)(2)(C) and
9 1835(a)(2)(A), nursing care and home health aide services
10 shall be considered to be provided or needed on an ‘inter-

1 mittent' basis if they are provided or needed less than 7
 2 days each week and, in the case they are provided or need-
 3 ed for 7 days each week, if they are provided or needed
 4 for a period of up to 40 consecutive days.'".

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 6 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished in cases
 7 of initial periods of home health services beginning on or
 8 after January 1, 1994.

9 **SEC. 2. FINANCING THROUGH INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIM-**
 10 **TATION ON AMOUNT OF WAGES SUBJECT TO**
 11 **HOSPITAL INSURANCE TAX.**

12 Section 3121(x)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 13 1986 is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
 15 the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (A) by striking “for any calendar year”
 18 and all that follows through “preceding year”
 19 and inserting “for calendar year 1993, the ap-
 20 plicable contribution base for calendar year
 21 1992”, and

22 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 23 inserting a comma; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 25 paragraphs:

1 “(C) for calendar year 1994, the applicable
2 contribution base for calendar year 1993 in-
3 creased by \$5,000 and adjusted in the same
4 manner as is used in adjusting the contribution
5 and benefit base under section 230(b) of the
6 Social Security Act, and

7 “(D) for any calendar year after 1994, the
8 applicable contribution base for the preceding
9 year adjusted in the same manner as is used in
10 adjusting the contribution and benefit base
11 under section 230(b) of the Social Security
12 Act.”.

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